



**LANCASTER
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INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER AND OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2017

Please find enclosed a Decision Notice in connection with the following:

ICMD2 CENTENARY FIELDS CHALLENGE - MISS WHALLEY'S FIELD (Pages 1 - 4)

Please note that this is subject to call-in.

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EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER NOTICE OF DECISION

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CONTACT OFFICER

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| TITLE OF DECISION: Centenary Fields Challenge – Miss Whalley’s Field | | | |
| NAME OF DECISION TAKER: | COUNCILLOR HUGHES | | |
| POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD: | CABINET MEMBER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CLEAN AND GREEN | | |
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| Details of Decision: That the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Community Safety and Clean and Green, nominates Miss Whalley’s Field for the Centenary Field programme. | | | |
| Reasons for the decision: Due to the field’s link to the war, the ‘Friends of Miss Whalley’s Field’ have requested the nomination linked to the centenary celebrations, which they are planning for December 2017. There are no additional implications to the council. | | | |
| IS THE DECISION URGENT No PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE AND GIVE REASONS FOR URGENCY BELOW: N/A | | | |
| I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE ABOVE DECISION AND THAT IT IS URGENT AND REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES) SIGNATURE OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN: N/A | | | |
| I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above. | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER: | Councillor Brendan Hughes | | |
| DATE: | 07.08.17 | | |
| THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES | | | REF NO. |
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CABINET

**Centenary Fields Challenge - Miss Whalley's Field
July 2017**

**Individual Cabinet Member Decision (Councillor Hughes)
Report of Chief Officer (Environment)**

| PURPOSE OF REPORT | | | | |
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| To seek a decision from the Cabinet Member to nominate Miss Whalley's Field as part of the Centenary Field Programme | | | | |
| Key Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-Key Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Referral from Cabinet Member |
| Date Included in Forward Plan | NA | | | |
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF OFFICER (ENVIRONMENT)

- (1) That the Cabinet Member nominates Miss Whalley's Field area for the Centenary Fields Programme

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Centenary Fields programme is engaging landowners across the UK encouraging them to dedicate land to honour the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I.
- 1.2 Miss Whalley's Field was donated to the council for the purpose of children's recreation in memory of her father and brother who died in the war.
- 1.3 The land is covered by an existing covenant which prevents the land for being used for anything other than recreational purposes.
- 1.4 The programme is being run by Fields in Trust (FiT) the new operating name for the National Playing Fields Association.
- 1.5 Legal ownership of the land remains with the Council. Once the land is dedicated for this charitable purposes it can never be developed and will continue to be used for recreational purposes only.
- 1.6 The site's Trust Deed or transfer document specifies that it is to be used as public land for the enjoyment of children living in the borough of Lancaster.
- 1.7 Maintenance of the field will remain as is, under the council's responsibility.
- 1.8 Dedicating the land in this way means that Community and friends' groups have easier access to funding, etc.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The Friends of Miss Whalley's Field have requested that the city council considers nominating the land as part of centenary celebrations which they are planning for December 2017.

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant Council services and the Friends of Miss Whalley's Field who all support the nomination of the land.

4.0 Options

- 4.1 Option 1- nominate the land for the Centenary Fields programme. This would mean that the land was maintained as public open space in perpetuity.
- 4.2 Option 2- don't nominate the land for the Centenary Fields programme.
- 4.3 The officer preferred option is option 1.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 The report seeks a decision from the relevant Portfolio Holder to nominate Miss Whalley's Field area for the Centenary Field programme.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

Community Leadership and Clean and Green Places – Community group leading on the future of a green space;

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal have been consulted. There will be no additional implications to the authority as the land is covered by an existing covenant with similar conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications arising directly from this report. There may be a resource and financial cost in assisting with any future events to commemorate the Centenary Fields Programme but this is expected to be minimal and managed from within existing public realm budgets.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:

Property Group have been consulted and have no further comments to add.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

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